

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC QUARTERLY MEETING: 4/17/19 NOTES

Meeting Location: Public Safety Headquarters, Gaithersburg MD

New Action Items:

Task	Responsible Party
NONE	N/A

Previous Action Items:

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NONE	N/A

LEPC Quarterly Meeting

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- Welcome / Introductions
 - During introductions, members shared what their organizations are doing as part of Preparedness Month in September
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Program for Public Safety – Kenneth White, Annapolis City Emergency Management
 - Montgomery County working on developing a drone program w/PD, F&R, and OEMHS
 - Annapolis began planning for program in 2016
 - Capt White has license for drone
 - Used for aerial photography/video of parks, rooftops for determining safety of getting on roofs
 - Damage assessments
 - Fire & rescue operations, incl. water rescue
 - Police - CRU
 - Ordering floor cameras (infrared/night vision)
 - OEM uses drones for determining location & extent of damages, e.g. fuel spills in water
 - Watching crowds at public events such as rallies, protests, etc.
 - Part 107 – FAA license for non-recreational use of drones; violation of FAA regs is at least \$10K fine. Max. 400 feet above ground level (or 400 ft above structure roof)
 - Question about privacy issues – legal needs to be involved in developing guidelines. Need to make sure public is aware of drone usage before deployment at events, etc.
 - 3 people participating in drone deployment – pilot, visual observer, and safety person
 - Cert of Authorization – addresses use in restricted air space, etc. Specific authorizations to operate in no-fly zones must be requested at least 6 months out. Expect to see blanket authorizations that would cover an extended period of time, vs. per-event requests.

- Cannot fly a drone over a stadium that is occupied (Temporary Flight Restrictions during particular events)
 - Question regarding file/data retention guidelines. Due to newness of technology, no guidelines in place as of yet in Annapolis
 - Looking into mutual aid usage w/other jurisdictions
 - Transparency is key
 - Jurisdictions can request temporary flight restrictions
3. Securing Our Houses of Worship – Jim McClelland, OEMHS
- a.
4. Stop the Bleed Training – OEMHS/Fire & Rescue
- a. Current approach to saving life – full circle from tourniquet to treating whole patient, back to tourniquet
 - b. ABCs of Bleeding – A – Alert – call 911; B – Bleeding – find the bleeding injury; C – Compress – apply pressure to stop the bleeding – direct pressure or tourniquet
 - c. How to identify life-threatening bleeding
 - d. Commercial, public-access tourniquets designed to be used over clothing
 - e. Direct pressure if tourniquet cannot be used
 - f. Sealing wounds for torso wounds (bullet, knife, etc.)
 - g. Place tourniquet on extremity as close to torso as possible, as tight as possible.
 - h. C.A.T. tourniquet – developed by/for military; now used by police, FRS
 - i. Instruction on correct application of a tourniquet
 - j. Compression – hemostatic gauze preferred to stop bleeding; however, any cloth (towel, shirt, etc.) can be used. Pack wound and apply pressure (two hands on packing and lean into it.)
 - k. Risk of infection not huge; be sure to wash thoroughly after coming in contact with someone's blood
 - l. Check for additional wounds
 - m. Attendees given opportunity to practice with tourniquets and wound packing
5. LEPC Updates
- a. Hazmat Permitting Program – Barbara Moore
 - i. New season started
 - ii. Fee exempts due 2/1
 - iii. 3/1 deadline for SARAs
 - iv. Light use facilities due 5/1
 - v. Pools due 6/1
 - vi. Barb attending NASTTPO conference
 - vii. Info on SERCs and TERCs on website
 - b. OEMHS Updates – OEMHS Staff
 - i. Grant updates (Mitch)
 - 1. HMEP - Submitting request for 2019-20 for conference attendance
 - ii. Strategic Plan
 - 1. Current plan through the end of this year (start plan for EM program)
 - 2. Working on plan for 2020-23
 - a. Will include focus on climate change, resilience, and adaptation (storms, mosquito populations, etc.)

3. Gustafson asked if OEMHS has someone identified as a lead in ESF 10; Earl stated that OEMHS is in a support role; we do not identify individuals for specific roles
4. Also asked about review cycle for EOP
- iii. LEPC/Partners in Preparedness
 1. Joe working w/DTS on development of Partners in Preparedness website
 2. Develop 'enticements' for orgs to sign up; possible bleed control kits to private sector orgs who participate, other ways of leveraging other programs
- c. LEPC Core Group Update – Randy Norman
 - i. Revitalization working group – working to make LEPC all it can be. Drafted mission & vision statement for LEPC, including all hazards, not just hazmat
 - ii. Constitution & bylaws of LEPC – put in place, reconstitute membership; establish voting membership to cover all relevant sectors
 - iii. Need strategic plan for LEPC; just had initial meeting
 1. Public outreach (web page, Nextdoor) – need subcommittee for marketing plan
 2. Orientation/welcome handbook/packet
 3. More outreach to various communities & agencies in Montgomery County – attend community/town meetings, etc.
 4. Work on coming up with good, relevant topics for LEPC meetings
 5. Process for review & comment on plans, reports, etc.
 6. Upcoming events:
 - a. Talent/interest survey
 - b. Preparedness month (September) – OEMHS to help publicize events
- d. Fire & Rescue Hazmat Update – Captain Ivan Browning
 - i. 2 major responses since last meeting
 - ii. Responded to fuel tanker accident at American Legion Bridge
 - iii. Requesting 2 new laptops; updating programs that are used
 - iv. iCameo suite
 - v. John Gustafson asked if Cameo will be used for fires in addition to hazmat; Capt. Browning said that he wants to focus initially on hazmat
 - vi. Earl suggested that a functional exercise in spring of 2020 could include elements of coordination between emer. mgt. and responders in a hazmat incident
- e. General updates (Mitch)
 - i. Looking for other options for meeting venue
 - ii. Going forward, meetings will be 3rd Wed of month instead of 3rd Thursday
 - iii. DHHS looking for volunteers for full-scale exercise 7/16
- f. Voting Members – Earl Stoddard
 - i. Earl explained rationale behind selection of voting members
 - ii. Encouraged attendees to continue to attend if they are not voting members; voting is a rare occurrence
 - iii. Two vacancies – Community Groups and Broadcast & Print Media
 - iv. Members of each group are to decide among themselves who will be the voting member(s); term of 1 year

- v. Christine McKendrew will move to regulated facilities
- vi. Hoan Dang will move to Community Groups
- vii. John Gustafson and Dana Sarti are in as Citizens at Large
- viii. Georgianne Miller will move to Regulated Facilities
- ix. Randy will be removed from Regulated Facilities to be vice chair

6. Voting Member Selection